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The Honorable George P. Shultz
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, DC

Dear Secretary Shultz:

The Department of State through Agency for International Development has worked for almost three years to develop a working program of assistance using the "McCollum airlift" and the authority under section 2547 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act to deliver excess non-lethal supplies to the displaced persons and refugees of Afghanistan.

This program was initiated and intended as a creative response to provide a war-torn region with an immediate source of non-lethal humanitarian relief. It was designed to be simple so that it would not require the usual bureaucratic procedures that generally make a quick response an impossibility.

Unfortunately, in what is now a crucial period of time before the Soviets leave Afghanistan it seems that some difficulties have arisen within A. I. D. and Department of Defense so that neither, has put forth a dollar estimate for the current budget cycle for reauthorization and appropriations or any proposal for legislation which would suit the needs of the Afghans at this time.

Mr. Secretary, I am concerned that this type of behavior and petty bureaucratic actions will affect our nation's ability to assist the Afghan people during this crucial period. And, I respectfully request that you address this issue so that as the Soviet troops pullout of Afghanistan, the U.S. can offer its fullest assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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